

## Schweizer, Jonathan

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**From:** Schweizer, Jonathan  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2016 3:10 PM  
**To:** Linda Verhulst  
**Cc:** Ellens, Newton; Clark, Jacqueline  
**Subject:** RE: Preliminary Comments on Pretreatment Ordinance, Enforcement Response Plan (ERP) and Attorney's Statement

Dear Ms. Verhulst,

Thank you for the letter and report you sent me. It looks like part of the problem is with the permits and implementation of the Pretreatment Ordinance, and not with the Ordinance per se, although there is also an issue with the Ordinance regarding incorporating streamlining requirements. I do plan to touch base with Mr. Ellens regarding these concerns while we await submittal of a statement from the SMSD attorney regarding legal authority as well as completion of the Pretreatment Ordinance review in our Office of Regional Counsel. I'll try to call you next week.

Jonathan Schweizer

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**To:** Schweizer, Jonathan <schweizer.jonathan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Preliminary Comments on Pretreatment Ordinance, Enforcement Response Plan (ERP) and Attorney's Statement

Hi Jonathan,  
Please see the letter attached here. The other attachment is incomplete.

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**From:** Schweizer, Jonathan [mailto:schweizer.jonathan@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2016 6:19 PM  
**To:** Linda Verhulst  
**Cc:** Clark, Jacqueline  
**Subject:** Preliminary Comments on Pretreatment Ordinance, Enforcement Response Plan (ERP) and Attorney's Statement

Dear Ms. Verhulst,

We haven't been in communication on this matter since March, but it would be to yours and our benefit to move the subject Ordinance towards approval. We have a few preliminary comments on some of your submitted material, namely, Chapter 5 of the Ordinance, which provides an Enforcement Response Plan, and the attorney's statement, the purpose of which is to define the basis of the Springfield Metro Sanitary District's legal authority to operate a pretreatment program. Please note that these comments are preliminary, since these documents are still under review at our Office of Regional Counsel, and upon completion of their review other issues may be raised. Our comments are as follows:

1. Chapter 5 of the Springfield Metro Sanitary District (SMSD) SUO seems to do a reasonable job describing the actions to be taken for various infractions (though a supplemental table would help) but there is no discussion of the use of monitoring and inspections to detect incidences of noncompliance. Chapter 5 also is silent on staffing roles and responsibilities, as well as how violations, actions taken by SMSD and industrial user responses to those actions will be tracked to ensure that enforcement is actually working.
2. With regard to the attorney's statement, it needs to be more specific by citing (by chapter, section etc.) specific parts of the municipal code that provide the appropriate authorities to run a municipal pretreatment program rather than merely saying that based on an examination of this and that documents, Springfield Metro Sanitary District has the authority to operate the program.

We have attached 3 guidance documents to address the ERP and the attorney's statement. While It isn't required that you follow these to the letter, but they should help illustrate what we're looking for. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or call @ (312) 886-0211. Thank you.

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